

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A battery comprising:
an electrode having at least ~~a first~~ one surface;
a plurality of nanostructures, disposed on said surface to form a feature pattern on said surface, ~~and~~
an electrolyte liquid in contact with said nanostructures, and
a fluid disposed within said feature pattern,
wherein said ~~nanostructures are~~ fluid is configured controllable to enable reversibly
~~controllably changing~~ change a degree of penetration of said feature pattern by said electrolyte liquid.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Previously Presented) The battery of claim 1 wherein said nanostructures are closed cells.
4. (Currently Amended) The battery of claim 1 wherein a temperature of said ~~electrolyte~~
~~liquid~~ fluid is increased or decreased to cause said change.
5. (Currently Amended) The battery of claim 3 or 17 further comprising one or more cell electrodes disposed within at least a portion of said closed cells,
wherein, upon causing electrical current to flow through said cell electrodes, a temperature of said ~~electrolyte liquid~~ fluid increases to reduce said degree of penetration.
6. Cancelled

7. (Withdrawn—Previously Presented) A method for controlling the contact of an electrolyte liquid with an electrode, comprising:

providing a plurality of nanostructures disposed in a feature pattern on said electrode;
configuring said electrolyte liquid to be in contact with at least a portion of said nanostructures, and
controllably changing a degree of penetration of said feature pattern by said electrolyte liquid.

8. (Withdrawn—Previously Presented) The method of claim 7 wherein said degree of penetration is changed by changing a temperature of a fluid.

9. (Withdrawn—Previously Presented) The method of claim 7 wherein said feature pattern includes a plurality of closed cells.

10. (Withdrawn—Previously Presented) The method of claim 9 wherein said degree of penetration is changed by changing a pressure of a gas or liquid disposed within a closed cell of said feature pattern.

11. (Withdrawn—Previously Presented) The method of claim 9 wherein a temperature of a fluid within at least one of said closed cells is changed by causing electrical current to flow through a cell electrode, said cell electrode disposed within said at least one closed cell, thus increasing said temperature of said fluid.

Claims 12-15 (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) The battery of claim 1 wherein said feature pattern comprises a plurality of posts.

17. (Previously Presented) The battery of claim 1 wherein said feature pattern comprises a plurality of closed cells.

18. (Previously Presented) The battery of claims 3 or 17 wherein said closed cells have a hexagonal cross section.

19. (Withdrawn—Currently Amended) The battery of claim 1 wherein said degree of penetration is controlled by changing a pressure of ~~[[a]]~~ said fluid disposed within a closed cell of said feature pattern.

20. (Withdrawn—Currently Amended) The battery of ~~claim 19~~ claim 1 wherein said fluid is a gas.

21. (Previously Presented) The battery of claim 1 wherein said degree of penetration is controlled by changing a contact angle formed between said electrolyte liquid and said nanostructures.

22. (Withdrawn—Previously Presented) The method of claim 7 wherein said degree of penetration is changed by changing a contact angle formed between said electrolyte liquid and said nanostructures.

23. (Withdrawn—Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 wherein said fluid is a gas.

24. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said fluid is said electrolyte liquid.
25. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said fluid is a gas.
26. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein reducing a temperature of said electrode causes said degree of penetration to increase.